

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 37-40, 62-68, 75-77, 84-100, 106-134, and 136-166 remain pending in the instant patent application. No claims are added or canceled by this response.

A notice of allowance of the instant patent application was mailed on February 1, 2006. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is now being filed to allow the Examiner to consider four (4) additional references submitted in the supplemental information disclosure statement filed herewith.

In addition, it is also noted that the notice of allowance mailed by the Examiner did not enclose pages with his initials beside a number of reference listings of information disclosure statements previously submitted, whose receipt by the U.S.P.T.O. is indicated by PAIR. These prior IDS's are summarized in the following TABLE:


TABLE

PAIR DATE FOR IDS	NUMBER OF REFERENCES IN IDS
July 15, 2004	43
November 4, 2004	1
March 28, 2005	11

It is therefore respectfully requested that the references contained in these previously-submitted IDS's be considered by the Examiner, and that an initialed listing of the references be returned in the next office communication to evidence the Examiner's consideration of these references.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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